

General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. MEGNA, 97th Dist.

To: House Bill No. **5520**

File No. 289

Cal. No. 213

"AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS AND MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES."

- Strike sections 2 to 4, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-343 of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 5 *October* 1, 2016):
- 6 (a) (1) No notice of cancellation of a policy to which section 38a-342
- 7 applies shall be effective unless <u>such notice is</u> sent, <u>except as provided</u>
- 8 <u>in subdivision (2) of this subsection,</u> by registered or certified mail or
- 9 by mail evidenced by a certificate of mailing, or delivered by the
- 10 insurer, to the named insured [,] and any third party designated
- 11 pursuant to section 38a-323a, at least forty-five days before the
- effective date of cancellation, except that [(1)] (A) where cancellation is
- 13 for nonpayment of the first premium on a new policy, at least fifteen
- 14 days' notice of cancellation accompanied by the reason for cancellation
- shall be given, and [(2)] (B) where cancellation is for nonpayment of

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any other premium, at least ten days' notice of cancellation accompanied by the reason for cancellation shall be given. No notice of cancellation of a policy that has been in effect for less than sixty days shall be effective unless mailed or delivered by the insurer to the insured and any third party designee at least forty-five days before the effective date of cancellation, except that [(A)] (i) at least fifteen days' notice shall be given where cancellation is for nonpayment of the first premium on a new policy, and [(B)] (ii) at least ten days' notice shall be given where cancellation is for nonpayment of any other premium or material misrepresentation. The notice of cancellation shall state or be accompanied by a statement specifying the reason for such cancellation. Any notice of cancellation for nonpayment of the first premium on a new policy may be retroactive to the effective date of such policy, provided at least fifteen days' notice has been given to the insured and any third party designee and payment of such premium has not been received during such notice period.

(2) For a named insured to whom the insurer (A) has delivered or issued for delivery any such policy for three or more consecutive years, and (B) has not sent a notice of cancellation to the named insured or any third party designated pursuant to section 38a-323a within such time period, the notice required under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the named insured and any third party designated pursuant to section 38a-323a. A policy that is transferred to an affiliate of the insurer in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section within such time period shall be deemed to be delivered or issued for delivery by the insurer. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the insurer from cancelling a policy in accordance with this section if the return receipt fails to be signed or returned.

Sec. 3. Section 38a-344 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

Proof of mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested, <u>a</u> notice

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49 of cancellation, or of intention not to renew or of reasons for

- 50 cancellation, to the named insured, and any third party designated
- 51 pursuant to section 38a-323a, at the address shown in the policy, shall
- 52 be sufficient proof of notice for the purposes of subdivision (1) of
- 53 <u>subsection (a) of section 38a-343, as amended by this act."</u>